

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/AU02/00996

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI + key words (a61b017/12/ic, clamp, clip, blood, artery, ratchet, teeth, pivot etc)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4112944 A (WILLIAMS) 12 September 1978 See entire document	1-16
X	US D 234204 (MILLER et al) 28 January 1975 See figures 1-8	1-16
X	SU 735245 (VINNITSA MEDICAL INSTITUTE) 25 May 1980 See figure 1	1, 2, 8, 16

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X	US 4835824 A (DURHAM et al) 6 June 1989 See entire document	1, 2, 7, 8, 12-16

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SU	735245	NONE					
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CA	2183998	AU	64360/96	US	5676676	US	5713912
US	4390019	EP	25447	WO	8001752	GB	2055953
US	4835824	CA	1294845	EP	345429		
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